



## Minutes

# VIRTUAL EPC /PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

December 13, 2021  
7:30 – 9:30 PM

### Attendance

EPC Members		Planning Commission Members
Michael Bahleda	P	Nate Macek (Chair)
Eldon Boes	P	Stephen Koenig
Edith Cecchini	P	Melissa McMahon
Alexander Clark	P	Vivian Ramirez
Cynthia Elliott	P	David Brown
Nicole Heckman	P	<b>Staff (Partial List)</b>
Kathie Hoekstra	P	Khoa Tran
Jennifer Debias	P	Ellen Eggerton
Michael Olex	P	William Skrabak
Brendan Owens	P	Karl Moritz
William Pugh	P	Robert Kern
Marta Schantz	P	Tom Canfield
		Tony LaColla
		Ann Horowitz
		<b>Guests (partial list)</b>
		Scott Barstow

**P:** Present; **A:** Absent - Unexcused; **E:** Absent – Excused – **N:** Not a member

FY2022 Environmental Policy Commission Attendance Summary														
Member's Name	2021							2022						% Attendance
	30-Aug	20-Sep	25-Sep	18-Oct	20-Oct	15-Nov	13-Dec	24-Jan	28-Feb	21-Mar	18-Apr	16-May	20-Jun	
Michael Bahleda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
Eldon Boes	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
Edith Cecchini	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
Alexander Clark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
Cynthia Elliott	N	N	N	P	P	P	P							100%
Nicole Heckman	N	N	N	P	P	P	P							100%
Kathie Hoekstra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
Jennifer Debias	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
Michael Olex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
Brendan Owens	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%
William Pugh	P	P	P	A	P	P	P							86%
Marta Schantz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							100%

### 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Policy Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Hoekstra at 7:30 PM.

## **1. EPC BY-LAWS**

The Chair introduced the revised by-laws having only one change regarding the EPC role in advocating for climate change and its impacts. The revised by-laws will be voted on at the next EPC meeting on January 24, 2022.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott Barstow thanked the EPC for its effort on climate change and suggested that the commission speed up its pressure for sustainability implementation since time is of the essence.

## **3. EPC/PC JOINT WORK SESSION**

PC members pointed out the difference in mandates for the two commissions with EPC mandates focused on advising on policy and PC mandates focused on enforcing the zoning ordinance and implementing the City Master Plan.

The members from both commissions then discussed several ideas and areas for collaboration for advancing the sustainability agenda for the City including the following:

- Make the EAP 2040 plan become a binding document
- Housing is a fertile area for collaboration
- Adopt policies on a city-wide basis instead of applying these only on smaller scales such as SAP or DSUP
- How to get existing developments to align with the City's sustainability effort
- City's sustainability principles versus the developers' push for short-term economics

As a next step, the two commissions will form a work group with a few (2-3) members from each commission charged with developing a draft memo to be sent to City Council for advocating for actions to respond to the climate crisis. Transportation Commission might be invited to join this work group as well.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.